

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing content objects by a content access point within a customer's premises, wherein the method comprises:

accessing a first content object from a first content object entity within the customer's premises, wherein the first content object is in a first content format;

abstracting the data type of the first content object to create a second content object in an abstract format, wherein the abstract format is compatible with a plurality of content formats;

distinguishing the data type of the second content object to create a third content object, wherein the third content object is in a second content format that is compatible with a second content object entity within the customer's premises; and

providing the third content object to the second content object entity.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

accessing a fourth content object from a third content object entity;

abstracting the fourth content object to create a fifth content object; and

combining the fifth content object with the second content object, wherein the combination of the second and fifth content objects are distinguished to create the third content object.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content object is a video object, and wherein the fourth content object is an audio object.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein abstracting the first content object includes separating an audio portion from a video portion of the video object.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content object is a video object, and wherein the fourth content object is an Internet object.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

identifying a content object associated with one of the first plurality of content object entities that has expired; and
removing the identified content object.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first content object is a video object, wherein abstracting the first content object includes removing a visual portion of the video object, and wherein the second content object includes an audio portion of the video object.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first content object entity is one of a first plurality of content object entities, wherein the second content object entity is one of a second plurality of content object entities, and wherein the method further comprises:
querying each of the first plurality of content object entities to identify a first plurality of content objects; and

providing an access point, wherein the access point indicates the first plurality of content objects, and one or more of the second plurality of content object entities to which each of the first plurality of content objects can be directed.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing content objects within a customer premises by a content access point, the method comprising:
identifying content object entities within the customer premises;
grouping the identified content object entities into a first plurality of content object entities and a second plurality of content object entities, wherein the first plurality of content object entities are sources of content objects, and wherein the second plurality of content object entities are destinations of content objects capable of utilizing the content objects;
providing a guide, wherein the guide indicates the first plurality of content objects, and one or more of the second plurality of content object entities to which each of the first plurality of content objects can be directed.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:
mixing two or more content objects from the first plurality of content object entities to form a composite content object; and
providing the composite content object to one of the second plurality of content object entities.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:
accessing a first content object from one of the first plurality of content object entities;
eliminating a portion of the content included with the first content object to create a second content object; and

providing the second content object to one of the second plurality of content object entities.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:
maintaining the content objects across content object entities in different logical or physical partitions.

23. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the content objects comprise at least one of a voicemail object, an email object, a video object, an audio object, a document object, and an Internet web page.